

planation, but with no better result than before.

the House of Representatives, the Congress has decided to authorize two newspapers, in each of the excluded States, to publish the United States laws and do the official advertising for the Government. Good prices are paid for this work, and the weaker class of the people might be able to get it, if it were the normalist elixir of life. Mr. McLean, of the House Clerk, has awarded this patronage to papers in nearly all of the Southern States, and we find that the fortunate ones are all of the extreme Radical type, and nearly all of them sickly concerns, which could not long survive without food from the Government.

It seems to me that if the Radicals are determined to pension the few papers in the South which are engaged in fomenting disturbances and keeping alive political passion and hatred, it would be better to make

"Confederate Cotton Bonds in England.

Subjoined is a question of considerable importance in its bearing on the Anglo-Confederate cotton loan, with the opinion of Sir R. P. Collier, the late Solicitor-General, and others, who are not merchants and others, on being asked by England by the Government of the United States for property or money held by them at the termination of the war belonging to the Southern States, may not successfully read the Confederate seven per cent. cotton bonds as a set-off to the extent of the amount that each defendant may hold of them?"

"Opinion—That all glend of the opinion that defendants who may be holders of Confederate cotton bonds are entitled to set up a counter claim against the United States Government in respect to these bonds.—The Government has no claim founded on the principle that if the United States assert in court claims against them through

their succession to the property and rights of the late Confederate Government, they are bound by the liabilities of that Government. Should the United States Government bring actions of debt, I think that the holders of cotton bonds will be held as much as a debt-officer. It may be necessary to assert an equitable plea, or possibly the protection of a court of equity,—an equitable case of the bondholders will be strengthened by the fact that the United States Government have possessed themselves of the cotton seed apart as the security for the payment of the bonds."

Address to the People of Maryland.

A committee of Conservative members of the Maryland Legislature, consisting of five in the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House, have issued an address to the people of Maryland, advising the proposed constitutional convention. Including the convention bill, passed by

Legislature, they state that "a transient glance at its provisions, and a recurrence to the inconvenience of its operation on a very large number of the good people of the State, are sufficient to render it manifestly probable it is both in design and effect, with the recognized object of a free representative government. They therefore recommend the adoption of appropriate and immediate measures in every county in the State and in the city of New York, to cause the election precincts to have the people assembled in peaceful primary meetings, with a view to the selection of candidates to the convention. The most care and consideration should be used in the choice of suitable persons,—personal and partisan partialities should

candidates for the convention but persons of experience, wisdom and virtue, who challenge the respect and confidence of all."

The Crops in Georgetown District.

The heavy rains have been severely felt all parts of the country, and have materially interfered with planting arrangements. This has been peculiarly the case with the rice, which is watered by the large rivers, and particularly among the rice planters. The Georgetown Times says: "The whole country east and west has been flooded, and our rice country is now suffering from the water. The rice planters of the up country. We understand there are large freshets on the Pee Dee, Waccamaw, Black and Santee rivers, materially interfering with the labors of the planters, and thus postponing their planting, which usually commences about this time. We trust this is not preliminary to a drought."

POTTSVILLE MURDER.—Pennsylvania.
POTTSVILLE. March 25.—On Saturday night last four Irishmen broke into the house of Henry Rapp, a farmer living near Pottstown, in this county to rob. A neighbor named Jacob Johnson went to his assistance when one of the robbers shot him dead and wounded Rapp. Rapp stabbed one of the robbers, when the gang fled.

BARTLEY WILLIAMS said to have offered \$5,000 for a lease of Broadway Theatre in New York.

MARRIED.
 At the residence of the bride's father, near Littleton, March 27th 1867, by E. H. Bell, Esq., Wm. J. SCOTT to Miss ANNIE E. WHITE of New Hanover county.

DIED.

On the night of the 26th inst., at his residence Goldsboro', of pneumonia, after an illness of six days, **RICHARD WASHINGTON**, aged about 75 years of age.

The above mentioned one, will cause much more sorrow to his family than the deceased had. For many years he was in feeble health. An intimate friendship of more than forty years enables the writer to say that he was a true and noble man, a man, a more honest and honorable merchant, a friend, a truer friend, than Richard Washington. His death was in battle, he crowned his career, seemingly as a reward for his unbounded generosity to those whom he loved, and for his noble and disinterested services to his country.

In his manner, Richard Washington was a polished and dignified gentleman, in his language, a man of force, firmness, and accuracy. In truthfulness and a high sense of honor, reproachable. In society, frank, manly, and unassuming. His noble and generous heart led him to be the many descendants who daily sat at his table, and surrounded his fire-side, can testify to his bright and happy home.

I saw him, for the last time, a few weeks since, at the residence of his brother, at Goldsboro', devoutly wishing, after its forum, the God and Father bless him all. His parting words were, "I humbly trust that all the good of my venerable friend rests in peace."

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